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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1895.

LEGAL TRADES UNIONISM.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH takes the liberty

of thinking that the time has arrived

when, in Hongkong and all other British

colonies, the idiotic force of legal trades-

unionism must be summarily abolished.

In the legal business in Hongkong we

have (with two or three notable exceptions)

probably the most amusing collection

of third-class idiots the world has ever

produced. They can't help it; they were

built that way; the Lord, in his infinite

wisdom, thought fit to inflict this carping

plague of insensate cormorants on a

hard-up community that badly needed

brains, intellect, common-sense, every

attribute that makes a man a useful

member of society; and, of course, a very

vital mistake was made. But the Hongkong

Telegraph does not object to these so-called

legal authorities earning their living just

the same as dustmen, or hod-carriers, or

ricksha coolies, or any of the numerous

honorable professions by which honest,

hard-working men keep starvation from

the door in this free port, this *beau ideal*

of a British colony. What this journal

objects to is that any class of persons

should have special privileges, should be

permitted to exercise exclusive rights

in practising an ordinary trade for the

purpose of making money. Why should

attorneys and solicitors be permitted to

wallow in a remunerative monopoly in

serving public requirements that is denied

to the journalist, the carpenter, the house-

builder, the tailor, and a dozen other

useful and absolutely necessary trades?

We shall never obtain a satisfactory

answer to that question until the unjust,

unjustified, inconsistent and generally

ridiculous traditions, which have been in

existence for many years to the shame and

disgrace of our boasted principles of

Free Trade, are promptly set aside

and in all money making occupations the

principle of *capital employer* prevails. A

solicitor, especially one of the Hongkong

sort, is almost always a third-class ass—

that is as regards mental attributes and

a knowledge of the world's affairs—and

why he should be permitted to make an

exhibition of himself in, say, a Police Court,

where the liberty of a subject is at stake,

while a man with ten times his worldly

experience and fifty times his brain power

is rigidly barred from opening his lips, is

one of those puzzling anomalies for which

the glorious British Constitution is so

deservingly notorious.

It is scarcely necessary to say that the

foregoing remarks have been elicited by

the proceedings at the Police Court

yesterday, when a member of the staff of

the Hongkong Dispensary (A. S. WATSON

& Co., Ltd.), a duly qualified chemist, was

charged, convicted, and fined for an

alleged breach of Ordinance 13 of 1893. The

offence charged was for unlawfully furnishing

a quantity of morphine to a person not

a duly qualified practitioner, chemist, or

druggist, etc. As the case is to be re-heard

we are, of course, precluded from dealing

with it on its merits, but what we wish to

bring out is why and on what reasonable

grounds Mr. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS, the

General Manager of the world-renowned

Hongkong Dispensary, was not permitted

to advocate the cause of his employer?

No doubt the presiding magistrate

(Commander HASTINGS) was courtesy itself

no doubt he had, if he cared to exercise it,

the right to prevent Mr. HUMPHREYS from

being heard at all, and it speaks highly

for his discretion and mainly idea of

fairplay that he permitted so much of

what the legal fraternity will regard

as an infringement on their assumed

prerogatives, and an unwarranted license.

Into the merits of the case, and it is one

of unusual importance, we cannot enter

until the appeal has been heard and

decided, but we can and do protest

most emphatically against special

privileges in the courts of this colony

being exclusively conceded to common

jobbers whose only qualifications are the

observance of some ridiculous regulations

contained in 6 and 7 Victoria, and the

acquiescence in a lot of equally idiotic

provisions in later Acts, and which

constitute a monopoly that is in every

sense against the spirit and meaning

of British law and policy. If a licensed

lawyer knows more law or possesses

greater skill than the despised layman,

he will naturally be retained; but if not,

as is frequently the case, why should

any British subject be debarred from

using his abilities in such a legitimate

field of operations as a public court of

justice?

TELEGRAMS.

"TAKE AWAY THAT BAUBLE."

LONDON, January 3rd.

The Mikado has conferred the Order of the

Chrysanthemum on the Emperor William of

Germany in recognition of the services rendered

by German officers in teaching the Japanese

military science.

RUSSIA.

In a receipt appointing Count Schvaloff

Governor of Warsaw, the Czar re-affirms that

his love of peace is equal to that maintained for

so many years by his father.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

CURRENCY REFORM.

WASHINGTON, December 12th.

Mr. Carlisle, Secretary to the Treasury, has

presented a bill to the House of Representatives,

embodying the currency reform mentioned in

President Cleveland's message to Congress.

THE GOVERNMENT WONT BE BOUNCED.

LONDON, December 12th.

Lord Rosebery, addressing a large meeting at

Downport yesterday, said the Government would

not allow the Conservative party to force on an

early dissolution of Parliament. Government

intend proceeding with the work laid down for

next session, after which they would ask the

people for a mandate to deal with the question

of the veto of the House of Lords.

THE CANADIAN PREMIER.

The Hon. Sir J. S. Thompson, the Canadian

Premier, expired suddenly at Windsor

after being sworn a Privy Councillor. The

cause of death was heart disease. His body has

been embalmed and will be conveyed to Canada

where the funeral in full state will take place.

GENERAL MEYER AND THE PARIS PRESS.

PARIS December 13th.

There has been a sensation here owing to

the French newspapers having published articles

viciously attacking General Meyer's

qualifications to occupy the responsible post of

Minister for War. It is alleged in some

quarters that General Meyer's removal from

the office has already been decided by the

President on the ground of incapacity, which it

is stated, has led to the complete disorganization

of the French Army which the Minister's pre-

decessors had so ably reformed.

The Temps regards with satisfaction the

eventuality of a friendly understanding between

France, Russia, and England as the natural

result of the Anglo-Russian rapprochement.

That journal warmly commends the efforts made

in that direction, especially if they lead to the

revival of the *entente cordiale* between Great

Britain and France.

TROUBLE IN ITALY.

ROME, December 18th.

The violence prevailing in the Italian Chamber

was received with great dissatisfaction, which

led to tumultuous scenes in the Italian Chamber.

One hundred and fifty deputies are in violent

opposition to the Government and accuse the

Marquis de Rudini of tampering with the Con-

stitution. There is great excitement throughout

Italy.

THE KAISER AND THE SOCIALISTS.

BERLIN, December 19th.

The proposal of the German Ministry to pro-

secute certain Socialist members of the Reich-

stag for an alleged insult to the Kaiser has been

defeated, despite the strenuous efforts of the

Ministerial party to secure the adoption of the

proposal. The Reichstag has adjourned until

January 15th.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

Two Japanese armies are marching on Peking.

[They have been for the past four months, but

they haven't got there yet.—Ed. H.K. Telegraph.]

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE "Old Volumes" meet to-night at 9 p.m.

A CRICKET match, the Cricket Club v. Navy,

will be played on the Public Recreation Ground

to-morrow, commencing at 11 a.m.

SUB-LIEUTENANT Robert E. Vaughan, R.N.,

has been detached for special duty on board the

Canadian Pacific Co.'s steamer *Empress of*

India.

PARTICULARS of the fight at Cape Cam, which

was exhibited for the first time on the 1st

inst., will be found in our advertising

columns.

MR. H. E. WOODHOUSE, Corner, will open an

inquiry into the circumstances attending the

death of a Royal Artilleryman, whose body was

picked up in the harbour on the 2nd inst., on

Tues. day next.

"Do I make myself plain?" asked the angular

lecturer on "Woman's Rights," stopping in the

midst of her discourse. "You don't have to

ask," replied a voice from the rear, "Provi-

dence did that for you long ago."

THE Hongkong Observatory star-gazers report

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